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FRIDAY 11TH - THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST 2000

Oxford Coffee Concerts Holywell Music Room Sunday 13th August 11.15 am Scott Dickinson (viola), Lucy Wakeford (harp) & Alison Hayhurst (flute)

La Réjouissance The Virtuoso Trumpet Consort Christ Church Cathedral a spectacular season of popular baroque music Saturdays and Wednesdays at 8pm August 12th, 16th, 19th, 23rd, 26th

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Adderbury Ensemble Chamber Orchestra at the Sheldonian Theatre

Friday August 11th Tuesday August 15th Bach Wedding Cantata no.202 Bach Cantata no.51 Telemann Trumpet Concerto

COMING

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30pm. Oxford Collatorium performs Faure's Requiem, Martin's Mass and Finzi's Magnificat, in St Mary the Virgin Church, the High, Oxford.

The Trio Arioso Piano Trios: Haydn Gypsy Rondo, Beethoven Ghost, Brahms no.2 in C

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JAYA GANGA (PG) Fri-Mon 2.30, 7.00 Q&A with director, Vijay Singh after Fri 7pm show.

BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB (U) Cuban jazz documentary. Fri/Sat 4.30, 9.15

THE TALENTED MR RIPLEY (15) Sun/Mon 4.15 Minghella directs Matt Damon.

GIRL ON THE BRIDGE (15) Tues-Thurs 2.30, 7.00 French tale.

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AMERICAN BEAUTY (18) 12 noon Multi-Oscar winner returns for encore.

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EXHIBITION REVIEW

Mark's Magnificent Mantidae Oxford University Museum Gallery, Parks Road, until 14th September

The shrivelled, 1800s specimen of a Mantidae, Deroplatys desiccata (Westwood), the brown leaf-mimicking mantis, certainly resembled more autumn leaf than living, cannibalistic insect, as it stared blankly at me from its neat but stifling glass-fronted coffin.

Yet Mark Fairington, Ruskin Tutor and celebrated natural history artist, has restored this erstwhile beast to greater than former glory. His series of super-realist paintings, aided by macro-photography, would have done the Pre-Raphaelites proud in this new display at the University Museum, once the haunt of Ruskin and pals.

Several sceptical, pre-exhibition comments had breezed my way, expressing doubts that 'photo-realism' was worthwhile: 'Why not use photographs?' Well, the defence is no great feat. Firstly, the images are vibrant, alive, reinvesting the sad, dried beast with a dignified existence. This is achieved through a variety of techniques that explore each beautiful surface, substance and texture to its full - never truly accomplishable through photography. So, Mark has been able to choose which parts to accentuate, which to subdue. Secondly, such techniques (I overheard him explain to an inquisitive visitor, as I hovered nearby with some tasty museum wine) both revitalise the creature yet critique the institution that placed it there. It is both presented in its supposedly natural state, yet betrays the inevitable manipulation of the 19th century collecting process: the unfocused pin, the frayed, disintegrating wings, the tortured expression, the definitely dead posture.

So, with the life pumped back into its veins, the glint restored to its expressive eye and its body enlarged to human proportions, it is both magnificent yet gruesome. It would be a gift for the Dr. Who special effects department (not even the least favoured humans get quite that ugly, do they?), reflecting that duality of emotions one feels when absorbed by nature's wonders. The paintings are strikingly large, competing admirably with the dinosaurs below, further devaluing those washed-out photographs with their filmy, impenetrable surface, that can only capture death, decay, distance and dust. All this, without any hint of a deadening airbrush ('Of course', Mark might say; 'this is art, not illustration.'). But this display needs no justification. Convinced? Go and see for yourselves.

Liz Mellings, 8 / 8 / 00

EXHIBITIONS

RAPHAEL TO ROMANO Summer exhibition of drawings by Raphael and his followers in Rome and Mantua. Christ Church Picture Gallery, 26 May - 8 August. Mon-Sat 10.30 - 1 and 2.00 - 4.30. Sunday 2 - 5.30. Tel: 276172.

ANOTHER SHOT IN THE DARK Image, text poetry, memory and advertising. Exhibition of work by Rachel Magdeburg. Phoenix Picture house bar (upstairs). Thursday 3rd August to the end of the month. Details: 01865 512526, david.f@picturehouse-cinemas.co.uk

COLLECTOMANIA! Free exhibition exploring individuals' emotional attachments to their collections. Monday - Saturday 1pm - 4.30pm, until Autumn 2000. Balfour Galleries, Pitt Rivers Museum Annex, 60 Banbury Road, Oxford. 01865 278927 w@prpm.ox.ac.uk

TURNER'S OXFORD A major loan exhibition, charting the artist's long love affair with the city 20 June - 1 September 2000. Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. Admission Free. Further info: 288298, sarah.brown@ashmus.ox.ac.uk

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